

AT THE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY,
KAZUKI
SAID:

HE'S A
BULLY.

YOU GUYS
BETTER STAY
AWAY FROM
THAT SHOYA
ISHIDA.

CHAPTER 5: REJECT

YEAH,
I DID.

...

THERE ARE A
LOT OF RUMORS
GOING AROUND
ABOUT YOU.
ARE THEY TRUE?

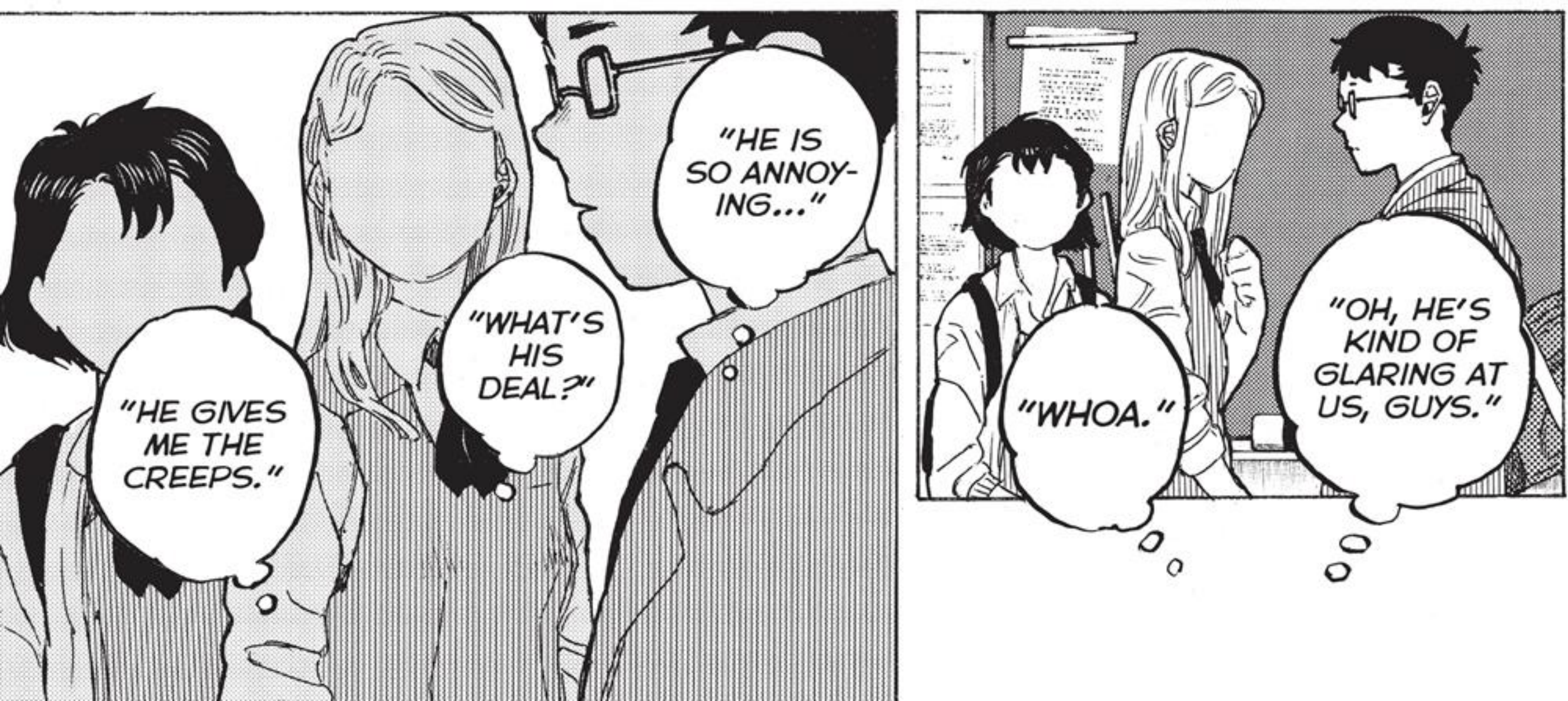
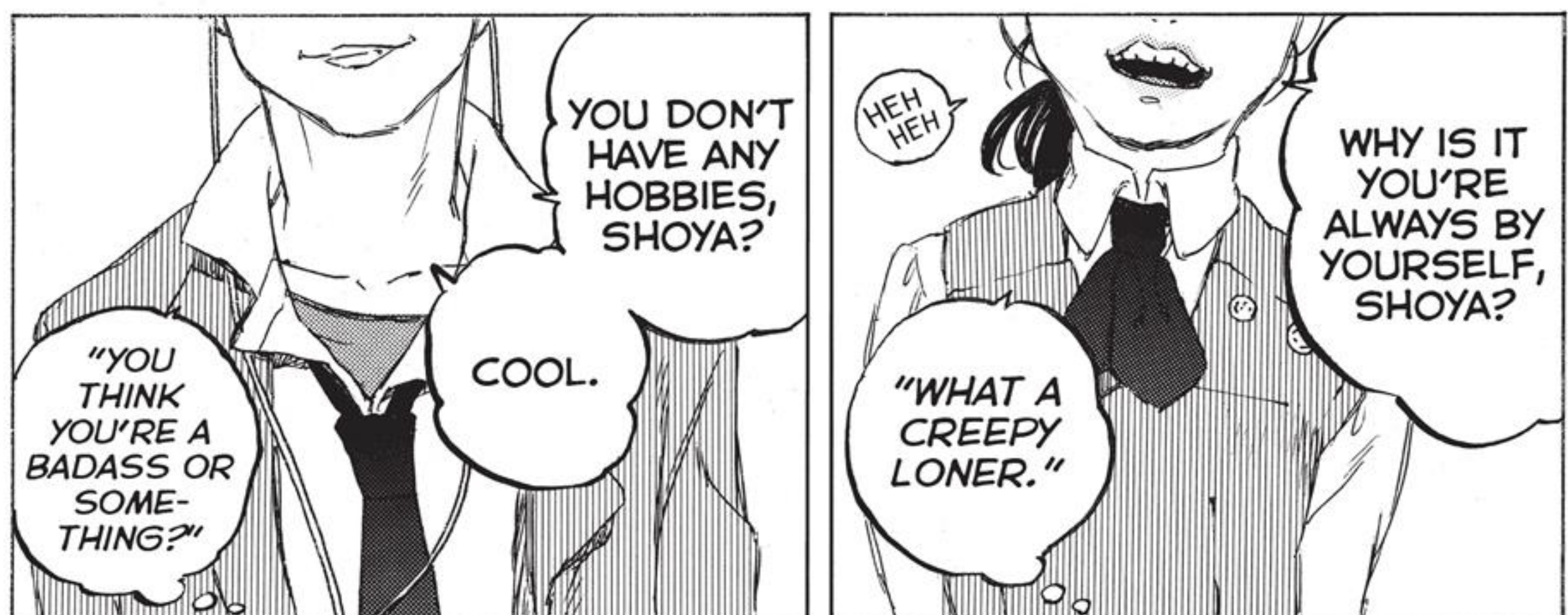
DID YOU
REALLY
MAKE A GIRL
TRANSFER
TO ANOTHER
SCHOOL?

STUDENTS
WHO CAME
FROM OTHER
DISTRICTS
ASKED ME:

SO I
ENDED UP
ALONE.









**SHUT
UP!**



**I'M THE
ONE WHO
HATES
YOU!!**

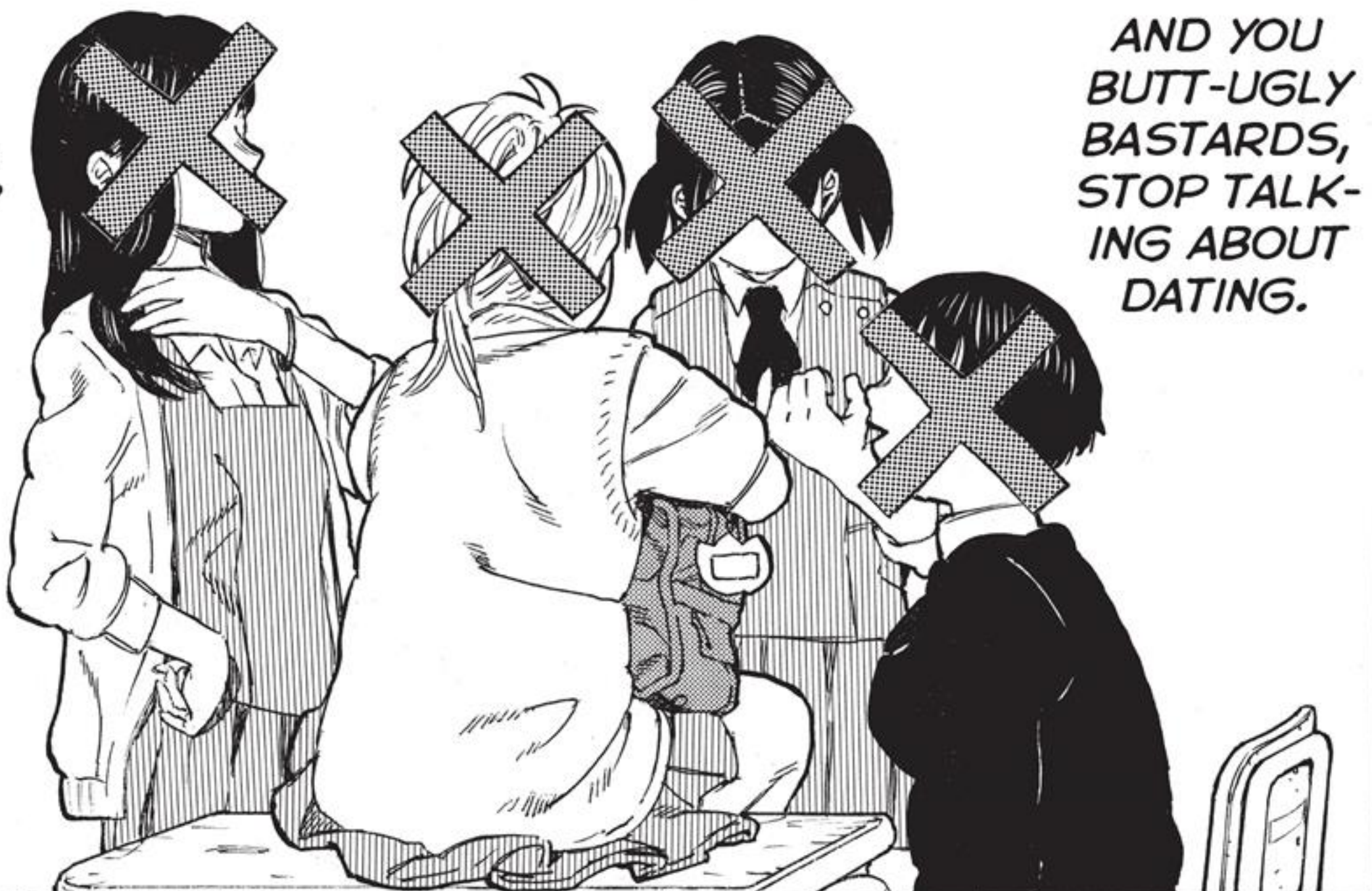
**I'M NOT
HERE TO
MAKE NICE
WITH YOU
IDIOTS!**



**YOU
LOOK
AWFUL
WITH
BROWN
HAIR!**

**FIRST
OFF—**

IT
MAKES
ME SICK.



AND YOU
BUTT-UGLY
BASTARDS,
STOP TALK-
ING ABOUT
DATING.

IT'S NOT
FUNNY.

I HATE
THOSE
GROPER
ON THE
TRAIN.

THAT
GOES
FOR YOU,
TOO.

WHAT,
AGAIN?



AND I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF
YOU ACTING
LIKE YOU'RE
HOT STUFF.

HE WAS
FLIRT-
ING WITH
YOU.

NO
WAY!

THIS WEIRD
OLD GUY
TALKED
TO ME
TODAY.



ACTING
LIKE
YOU'RE
SO UN-
HEALTHY.

KRUNCH KRUNCH

STOMP STOMP

ACTING
LIKE
YOU'RE
SO
BUSY.



I HATE
ALL THE
STUFF
YOU LIKE.

I HATE
ALL OF
YOU.

PRETENDING
YOU'VE GOT
INTEGRITY.

I SEE
ALL!

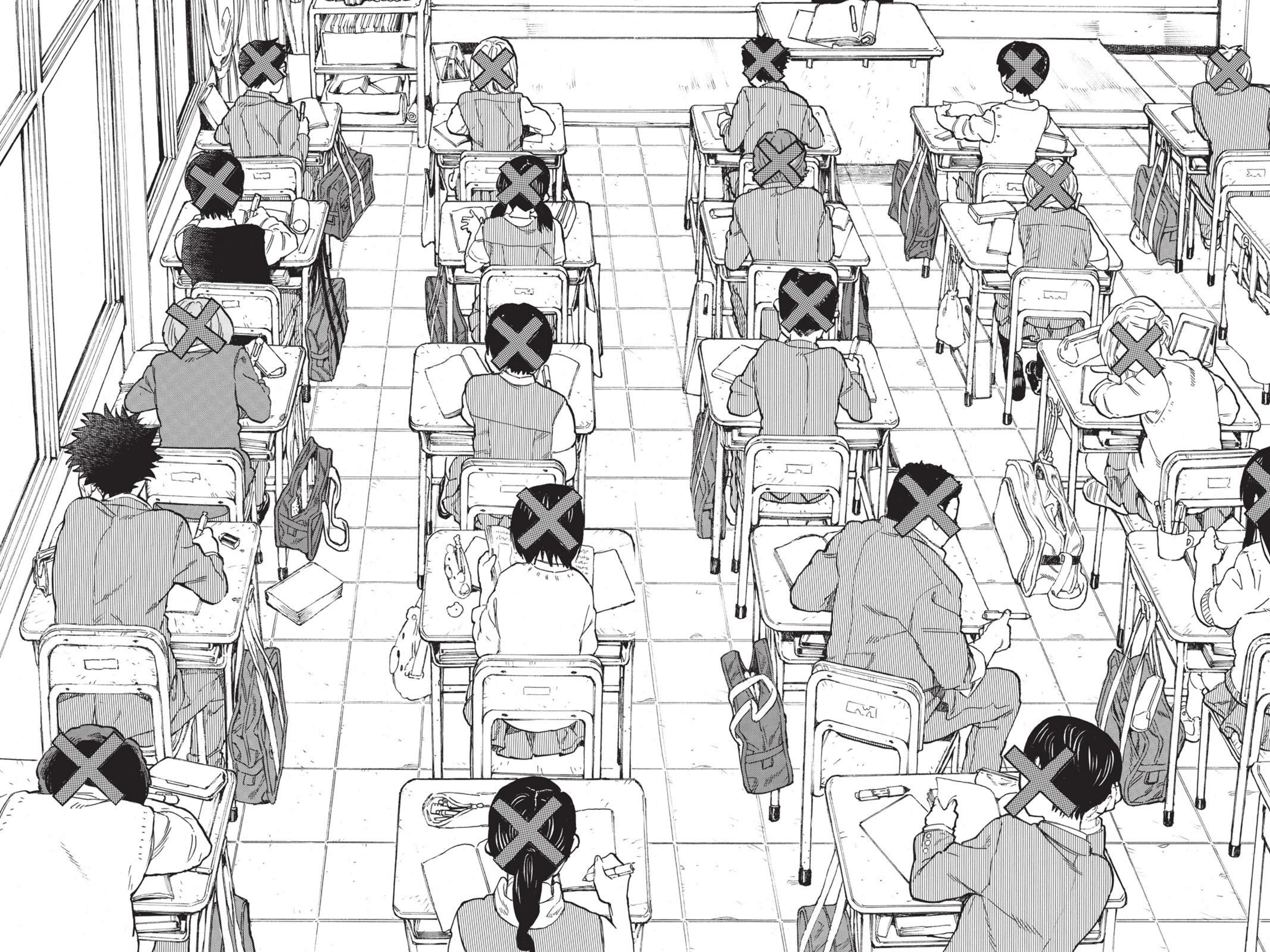
ODDBALL
CHARAC-
TERS.

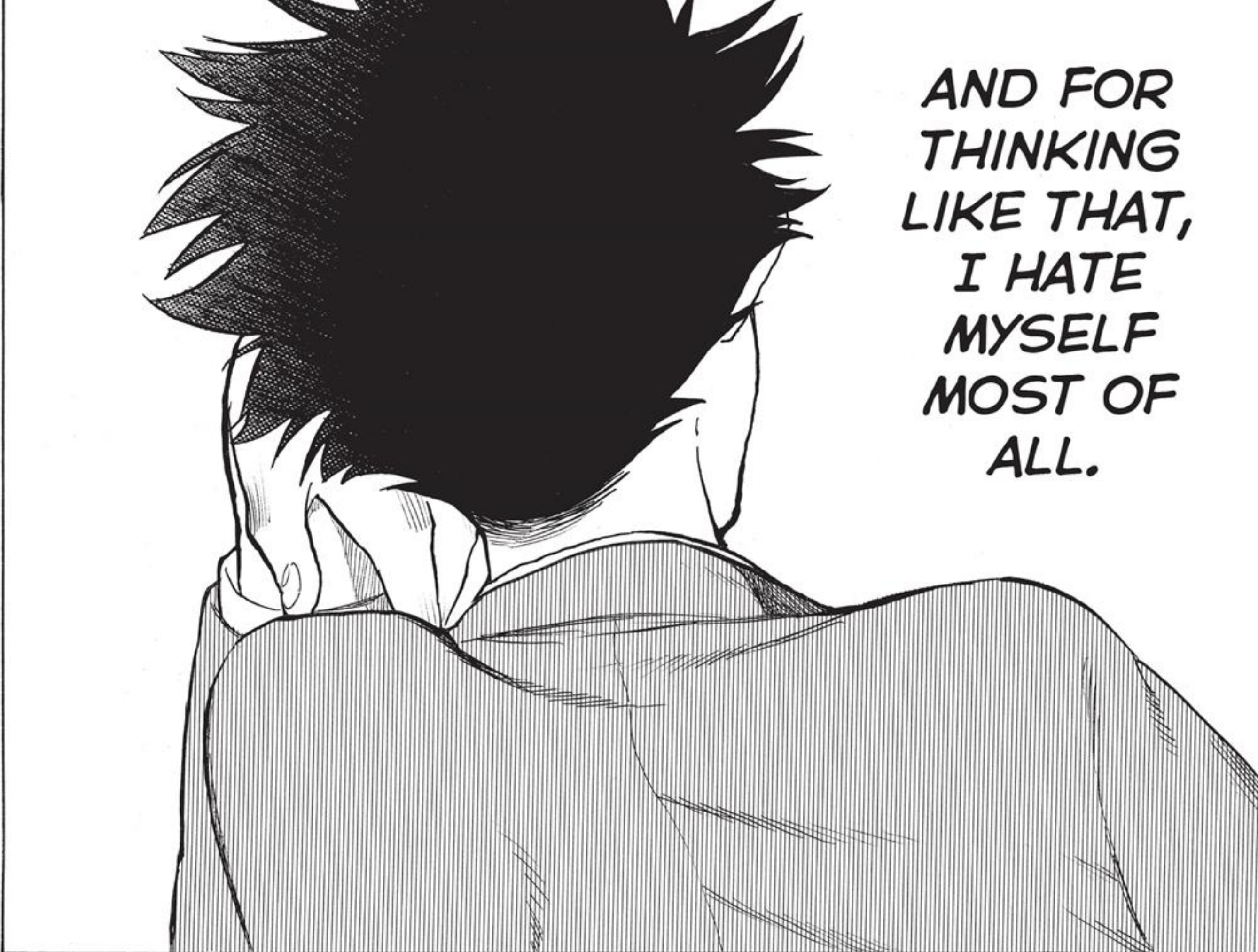
I
HATE
YOU!

AND I
HATE
ALL YOUR
FRIENDS,
TOO.

I
HATE
YOU!







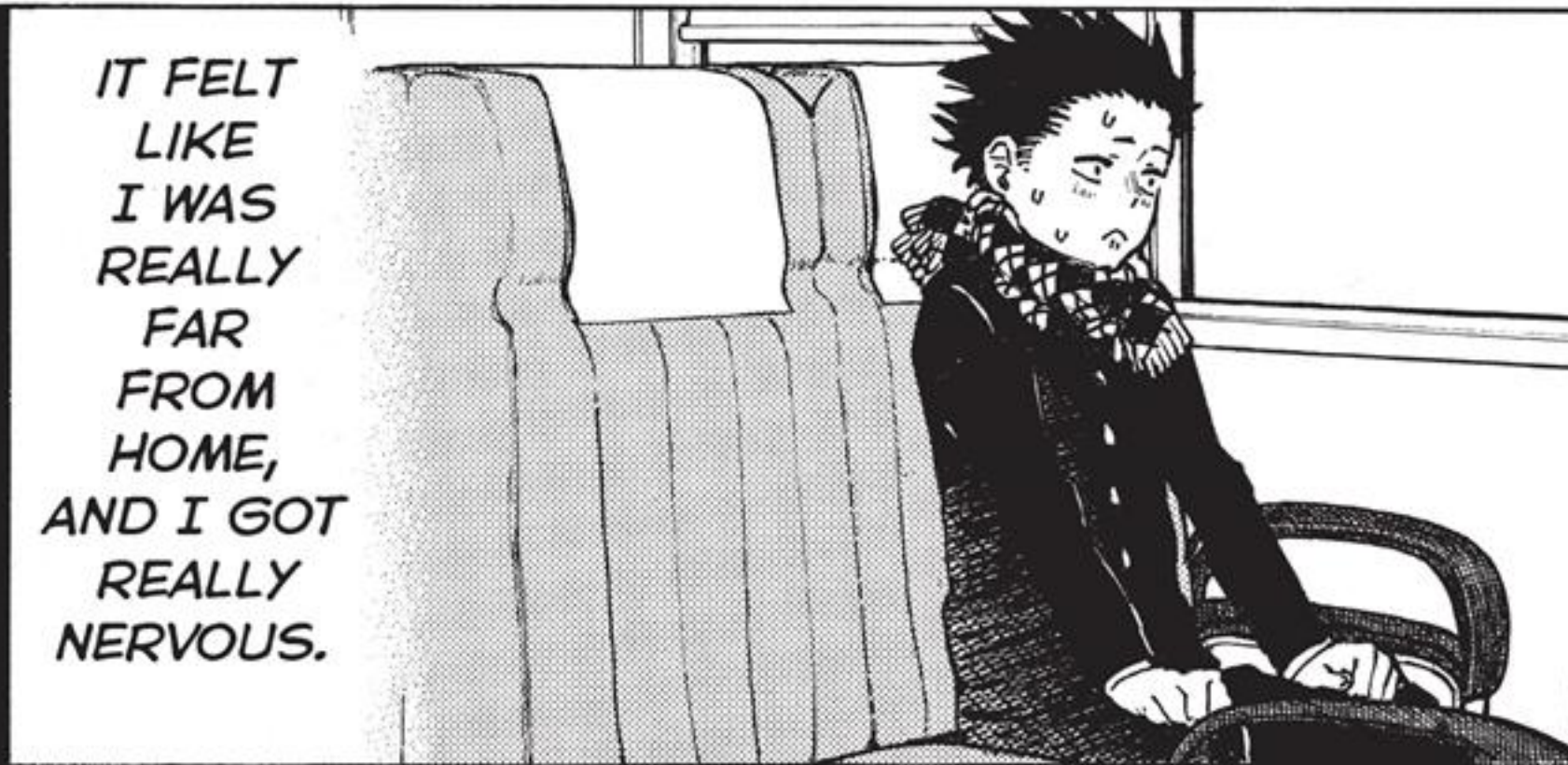
AND FOR
THINKING
LIKE THAT,
I HATE
MYSELF
MOST OF
ALL.



MAYBE SO
I COULD
CONVINCE
MYSELF
I WASN'T
REALLY
ALONE.



I BEGAN
CHOOSING
ISOLATION
OF MY OWN
ACCORD.



IT FELT
LIKE
I WAS
REALLY
FAR
FROM
HOME,
AND I GOT
REALLY
NERVOUS.



IN MY
SECOND
YEAR OF
MIDDLE
SCHOOL,
I WENT
ALL THE WAY
TO NAGOYA
ALONE FOR
THE FIRST
TIME.



ALL RIGHT!
I GOT THE
LIMITED
EDITION!



...AS LONG
AS YOU
HAVE THE
MONEY AND
THE GUTS,
IT'S SUR-
PRISINGLY
CLOSE.

WHAT I
LEARNED
WHEN
I GOT
THERE
WAS...



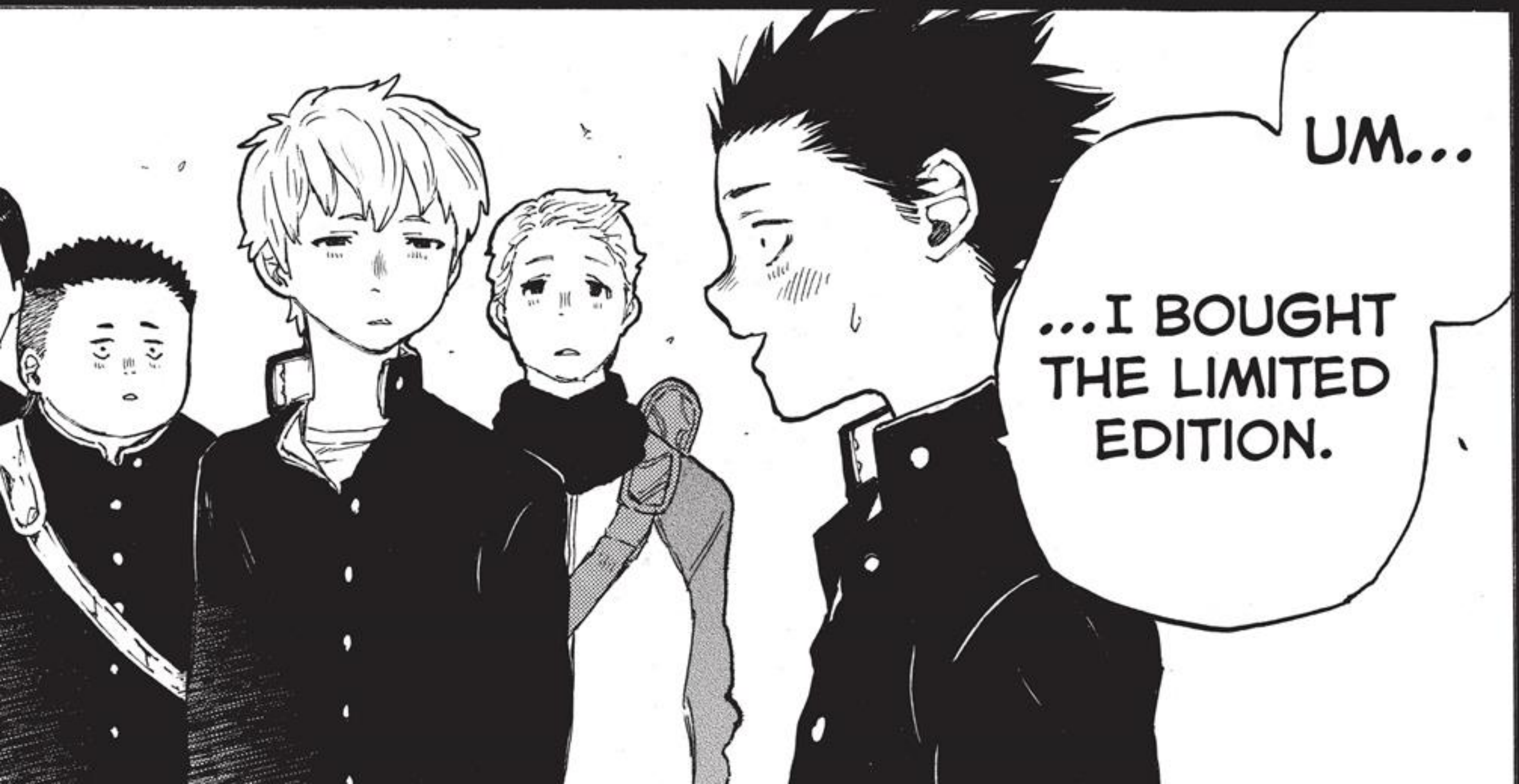
MAYBE WHAT
I THOUGHT
WAS SO FAR
AWAY WAS
ACTUALLY
WITHIN REACH
AFTER ALL.



NOT YET.
BUT I
WANT IT
BAD.



YOU
BUY THE
LIMITED
EDITION
YET?



UM...

...I BOUGHT
THE LIMITED
EDITION.

ME,
TOO.

UGH...
THEN I'M
GONNA QUIT
LISTENIN'
TO THEM.

YOU
DID,
HUH?

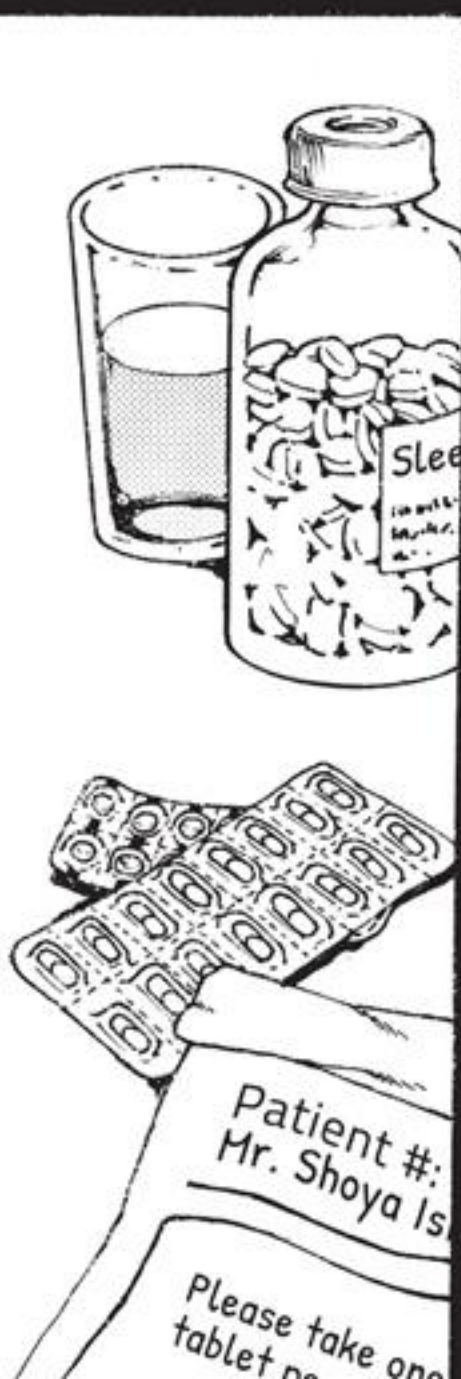


THE
MOMENT I
REALIZED
THAT, MY
FUTURE
BECAME
CLEAR.

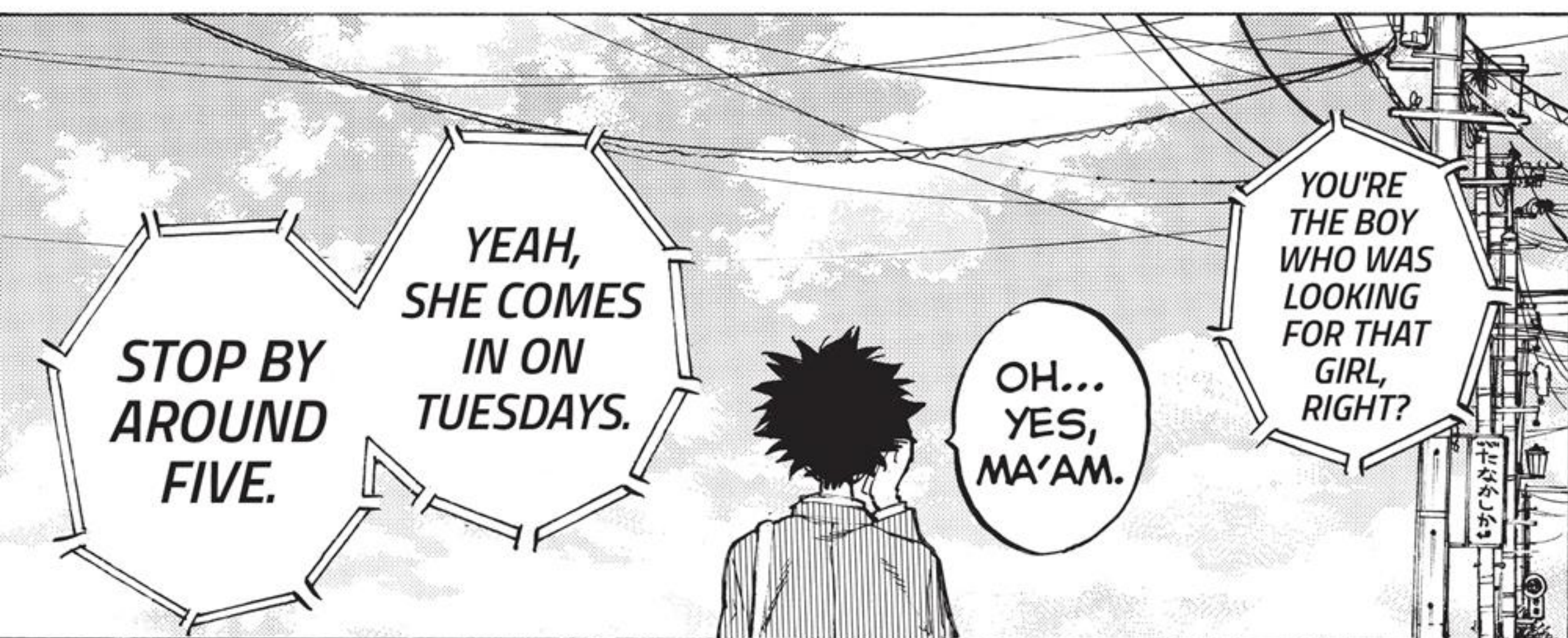
APPARENTLY,
THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
IN THIS
WORLD YOU
JUST CAN'T
ATTAIN.

I QUIT
LISTENING
TO THEM,
TOO.



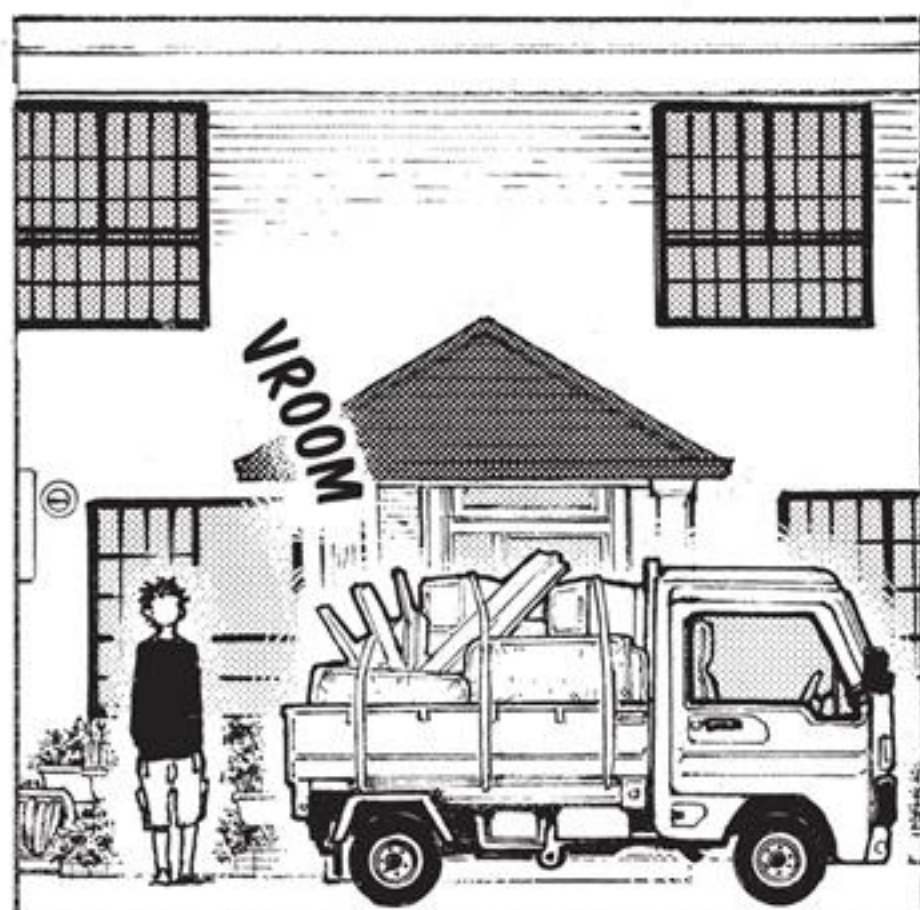








YES, MA'AM.



YES, MA'AM.

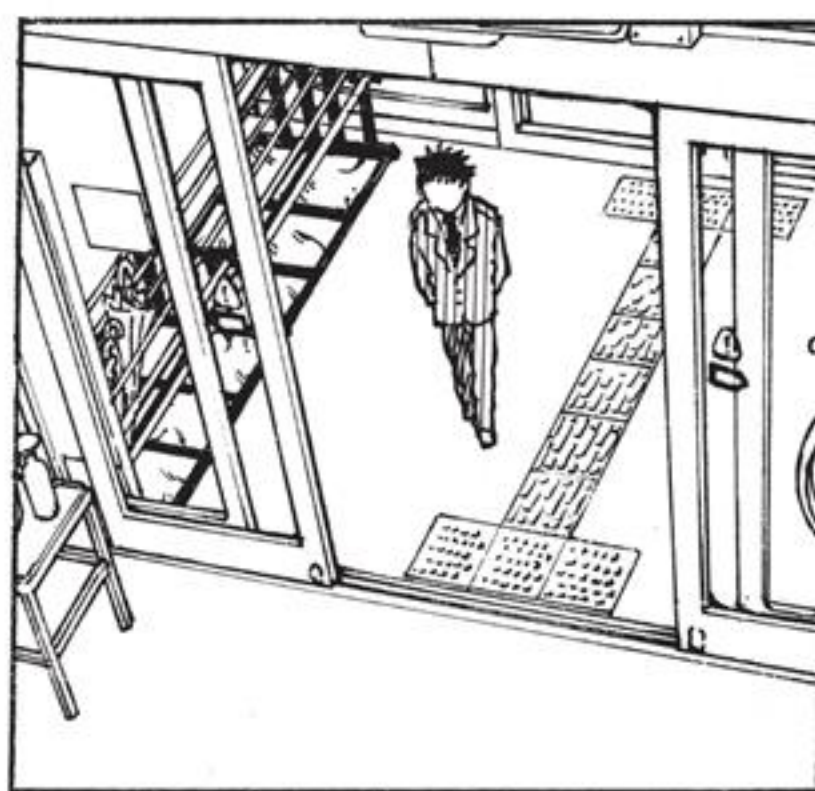
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YES, SIR.







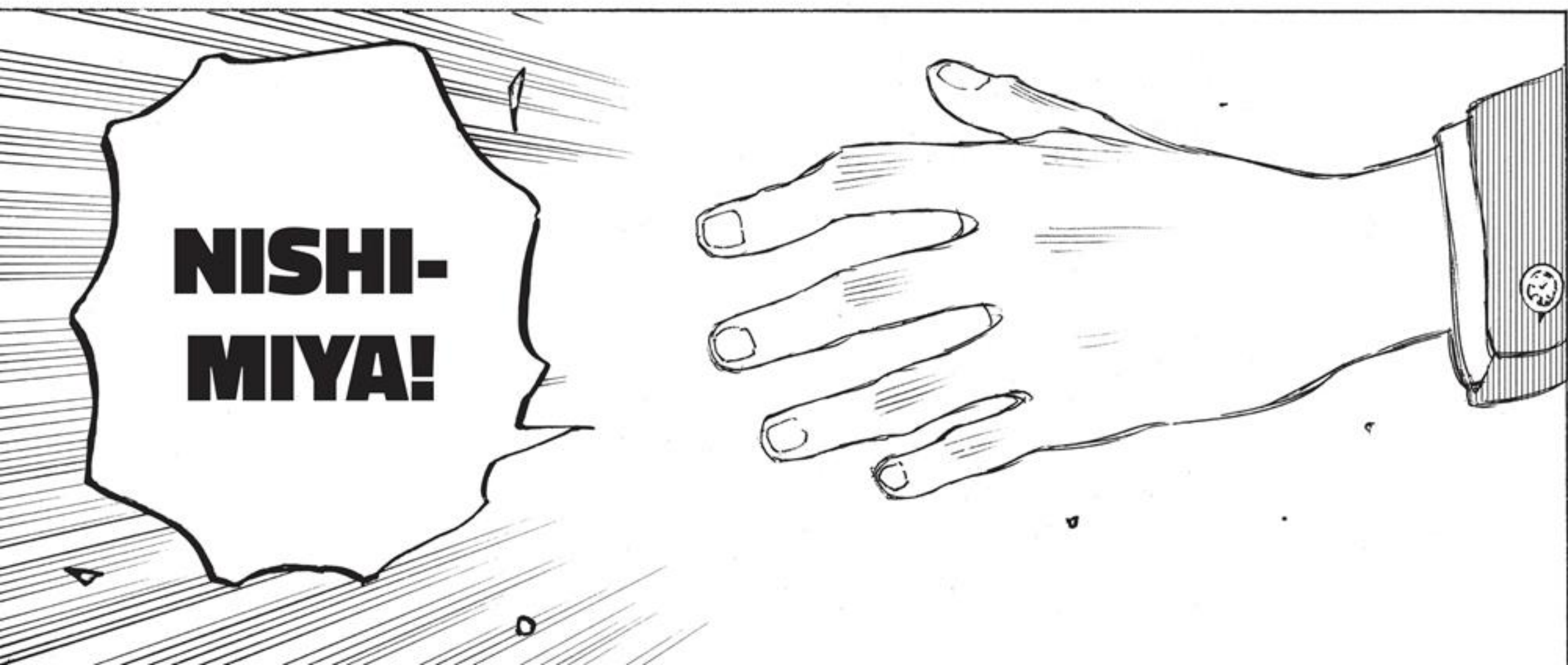
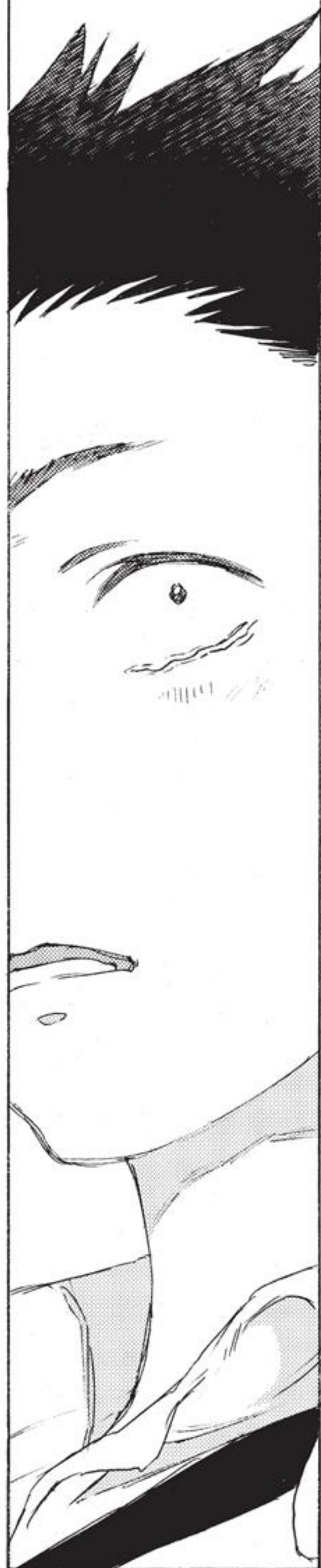
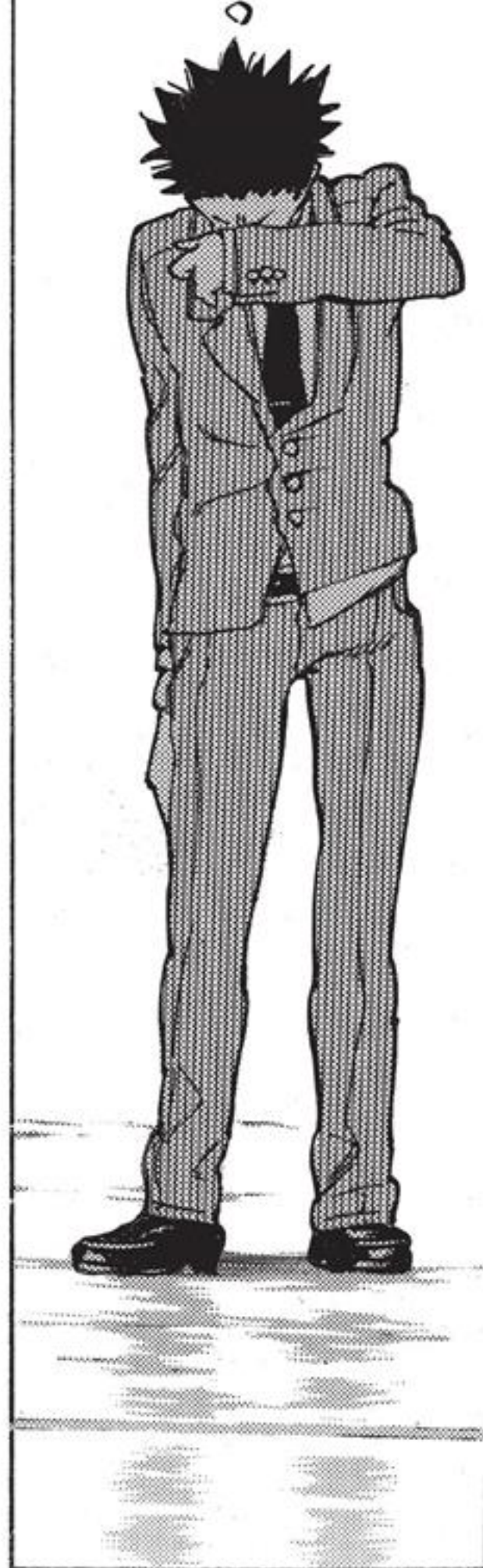


I CAN'T
FACE HER
LOOKING
LIKE
THIS!!

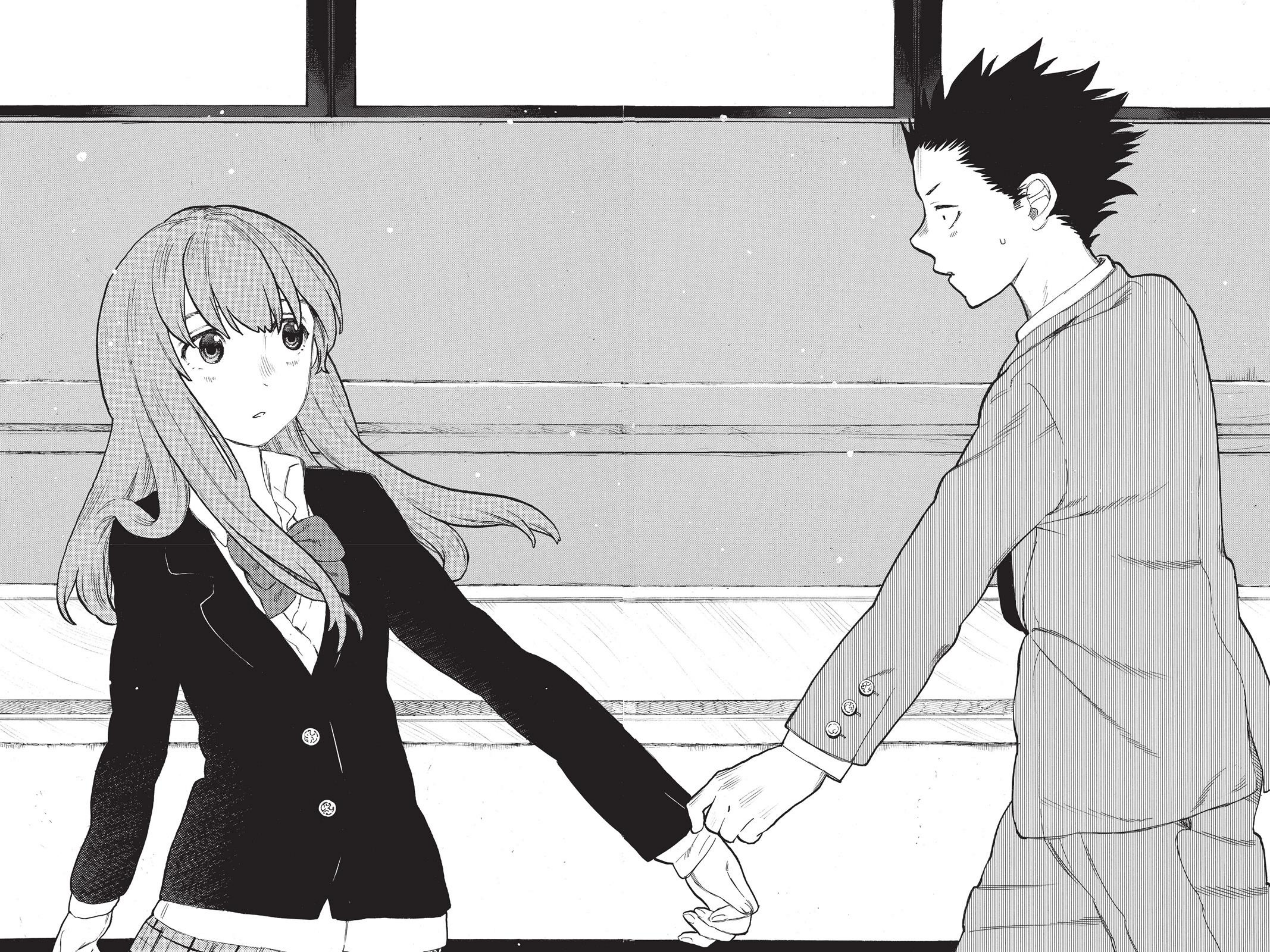
WHAP



HUH?
DAMN IT,
WHY AM I
CRYING?



**NISHI-
MIYA!**





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a Silent Voice